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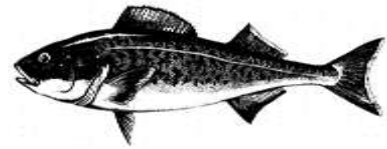
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#### **2013 ALEUTIAN ISLANDS STATE-WATERS SABLEFISH SEASON OPENS MAY 15**

State waters of the Aleutian Islands will open to commercial fishing for sablefish beginning noon, May 15, 2013. The guideline harvest level for the 2013 Aleutian Islands state-waters sablefish fishery is 442,000 pounds. The state-waters sablefish fishery will close when the guideline harvest level is achieved, or on November 15, 2013.

The state-waters sablefish vessel registration area includes all state waters west of Scotch Cap Light (164° 44' W longitude) and south of Cape Sarichef (54° 36' N latitude). Participants in the fishery must deliver all sablefish within 72 hours of the fishery closure. Sablefish may not be taken in a directed fishery or retained as bycatch inside state waters before or after the directed state-waters sablefish season. **Federal individual fishing quota (IFQ) fishermen are reminded that when the state-waters sablefish season is closed, sablefish may not be harvested from state waters.**

All vessels targeting sablefish in state waters, including IFQ holders and those fishing for Community Development Quota (CDQ) groups, must be registered for the state-waters sablefish fishery with the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) in Dutch Harbor. All sablefish processors must notify the Dutch Harbor ADF&G office prior to the start of operations, and report processing activities each week. **Fishermen are required to submit logbooks to ADF&G for the state-waters sablefish fishery within 7 days of landing.**

Only pot, longline, jig and hand troll are legal gear types in the state-waters fishery. Vessel operators may longline pots in the Aleutian Islands District of the Bering Sea-Aleutian Islands Area, but not in the Western District of the South Alaska Peninsula Area.

A vessel operator delivering state-waters sablefish east of 164° 44' W longitude must check out of the sablefish registration area by contacting ADF&G in Dutch Harbor before departure from the registration area. In addition, a vessel operator delivering outside of the registration area may be required to submit to an inspection at a point designated by the local representative of the department.

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